

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Foreign-Trade Zones Board;****[Docket 41-2000]****Foreign-Trade Zone 82—Mobile, AL
Expansion of Manufacturing
Authority—Subzone 82E, Zeneca Inc.
(Agricultural Chemical Products),
Mobile County, AL**

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the City of Mobile, Alabama, grantee of FTZ 82, requesting on behalf of Zeneca, Inc. (Zeneca), to expand the scope of manufacturing authority under zone procedures within Subzone 82E, at the Zeneca plant in Mobile County, Alabama. The application was submitted pursuant to the Foreign-Trade Zones Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), and the regulations of the Board (15 CFR part 400). It was formally filed on July 21, 2000.

The Zeneca facility (75 acres; 250 employees) is located at mile marker 21 on Highway 43, near Bucks (Mobile County), Alabama, some 20 miles north of Mobile. The facility is used to produce and/or distribute a wide range of agricultural chemical products, including herbicides, pesticides, insecticides and organic intermediate chemicals.

Zeneca is now proposing to expand the scope of manufacturing activity conducted under zone procedures at Subzone 82E to include the agricultural chemical Mesotrione (a broadleaf herbicide), which currently has a duty rate of 8.9%. Foreign-sourced inputs for this production would be Nitromethylsulfonyl benzoic acid (9.3% duty rate) and Cyclohexandione (4.8% duty rate). Zeneca indicates that initial U.S. value added will be 40 percent of finished product's value, with subzone savings equivalent to one percent of the finished product's value.

Zone procedures would exempt Zeneca from Customs duty payments on foreign components used in production for export (anticipated to be 30% of total production). On its domestic sales, Zeneca would be able to choose the 8.9 percent duty rate that applies to the finished product for the foreign input with the 9.3 percent duty rate (noted above). Zeneca would be able to avoid duty on foreign inputs which become scrap/waste, estimated at 10 percent of imported inputs. The application indicates that the savings from zone procedures would help improve the plant's international competitiveness.

In accordance with the Board's regulations, a member of the FTZ Staff has been designated examiner to

investigate the application and report to the Board.

Public comment on the application is invited from interested parties. Submissions (original and three copies) shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is October 2, 2000. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period to October 16, 2000.

A copy of the application and the accompanying exhibits will be available for public inspection at each of the following locations:

Office of the Executive Secretary,
Foreign-Trade Zones Board, U.S.
Department of Commerce, Room
3716, 14th and Pennsylvania Avenue,
NW., Washington, DC 20230
U.S. Department of Commerce Export
Assistance Center, 365 Canal Street,
Suite 1170 (One Canal Place), New
Orleans, LA 70130

Dated: July 24, 2000.

Dennis Puccinelli,

Acting Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Foreign-Trade Zones Board****[Docket 40-2000]****Foreign-Trade Zone 219—Yuma, AZ;
Application for Expansion**

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Yuma County Airport Authority, Inc., grantee of FTZ 219, requesting authority to expand its general-purpose zone site to include an additional parcel at the Yuma International Airport. The application was submitted pursuant to the provisions of the Foreign-Trade Zones Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), and the regulations of the Board (15 CFR part 400). It was formally filed on July 20, 2000.

FTZ 219 was approved by the Board on April 2, 1997 (Board Order 874, 62 FR 17850, 4/10/97). The zone currently consists of 79 acres within the Yuma International Airport Complex, owned by Yuma County and leased to the Yuma County Airport Authority, Inc.

The applicant is now requesting authority to expand the existing zone site to include an additional parcel (46 acres) adjacent to the existing site at the Yuma International Airport located at 2191 East 32nd Street, Yuma County,

Arizona. The parcel is owned by the Yuma County Airport Authority, Inc. No specific manufacturing requests are being made at this time. Such requests would be made to the Board on a case-by-case basis.

In accordance with the Board's regulations, a member of the FTZ Staff has been designated examiner to investigate the application and report to the Board.

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions (original and 3 copies) shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is October 2, 2000. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period (to October 16, 2000).

A copy of the application and accompanying exhibits will be available for public inspection at each of the following locations:

Yuma Main Library, 350 South 3rd
Avenue, Yuma, AZ 85364
Office of the Executive Secretary,
Foreign-Trade Zones Board, U.S.
Department of Commerce, 14th &
Pennsylvania Avenue, NW,
Washington DC 20230

Dated: July 21, 2000.

Dennis Puccinelli,

Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Foreign-Trade Zones Board****[Docket 43-2000]****Foreign-Trade Zone 154—Greater
Baton Rouge, Louisiana Area;
Application for Expansion**

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board (the Board), by the Greater Baton Rouge Port Commission, grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 154, requesting authority to expand and reorganize its zone in the Baton Rouge, Louisiana area, within the Baton Rouge Customs port of entry. The application was submitted pursuant to the provisions of the Foreign-Trade Zones Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), and the regulations of the Board (15 CFR part 400). It was formally filed on July 26, 2000.

FTZ 21 was approved on November 2, 1988 (Board Order 396, 53 FR 48003, 11/29/88). The zone project currently consists of the following sites (2,674 acres) in the Baton Rouge area: *Site 1* (16 acres)—within the Port's terminal area,